

CONFESSION AFFIDAVIT

On July 1, 2004 I was walking to my grandmom's house with my little brother Malik who at the time was on a bike. When we came out of Dover street and turned onto Wharton street I seen two guys on bikes coming towards 28th street on Wharton. Earlier that day both my sister and my mom had told me that two boys on bikes were looking for me. My mom had asked me was I okay and did I know what they wanted. I told her that I didn't, then I asked her what did they look like. She told me that one of them was skinny and the other was fat. I told her that the only person I know that's fat is Leem. So as me and my little brother were headed to my grandmom's house and I seen the two guys coming towards us I noticed that they fit the description of the two people that my mom said was looking for me. As they got closer I realized that one of them (the fat one) was one of the two guys that were trying to rob me the night before, but I got away. As soon as I realized this I knew something was wrong so I told my little brother who was in front of me at time to turn around and run. As I started to run I looked back to see if Malik was behind me but he wasn't, both of the boys had him sandwiched in between them. That's when I seen the skinny guy shoot my brother. I kept running because I knew that they would come for me next but they didn't.

Later that day I heard that my brother died. I never spoke about what I knew to anybody because at the time I was emotional-ly and mentally messed up and I wanted to handle things my way. By the next day everybody was saying that Leem had killed my brother. At the time I was so bent on getting the real people who killed my brother that I didn't care about the fact that Leem had gotten arrested for it, but the true is that Aleem Williams is not one of the two guys that murdered my brother. Nor, was he with them or out there that day. The reason I never said anything^{is} because we didn't get along, we grew up fighting each other in neighborhood fallouts and like I said earlier Leem was the least of my concerns. I wanted to get the guys that really killed my brother and that was it. That was all I cared about.

Now as far as Aleem goes, I honestly never knew how his name got brought up as being one of the guys who murdered my brother until one day me and my mom were reminiscing about Malik. I asked her ^{how} did the police come to the conclusion that Leem was involved in my brothers murder. She said that ever since that day I told her that Leem was the only fat person that I knew she's been telling people that Leem was one of the people that shot Malik. I asked her who did she tell that too and she said that when she ^{asked} some of the people what happen and they told her that a fat guy and a skinny guy shot Malik she said that she told them that I said the fat guy was Leem. However, I never said that Leem shot Malik. Now I feel like I'm the reason Aleem Williams is serving a life sentence for a murder that he didn't commit or have anything to do with. I knew Leem my whole life, I know his face like I know my own brothers faces, Leem wasn't one of the guys that shot my brother.

The guys that did shoot Malik I don't know them. The only one I seen before was the fat one and I had seen him for the first time the night before when him and another guy tried to rob me. Other than that I've never seen either one of them prior to my brother getting shot.

Anyway, like I said earlier I was never friends with Leem so this isn't something I'm doing for him, I'm doing this for myself, it's something that has been weighing on my conscience ever since I found out and I can't live with knowing that if it wasn't for me mentioning Leem's name as the only person I knew that was fat, my mom would've never made that mistake of telling people that I said Leem was the fat guy with the guy that shot Malik. The 100% truth is that Aleem Williams did not participate in my brother's murder and I know this because I was there. ~~Aleem Williams is INNOCENT! So if there is anything~~ that I can do to help this innocent man get his freedom back I am willing to do it.

I will swear under oath that Aleem Williams did not have anything to do with my brother's murder and I will be willing to testify to that in order to him out.

I swear that everything in this statement is true by my signature below.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

Mrs 26th day of March, 2013

Stephen M. Hoke

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